Biographical Information for Kevin Killer, President, Oglala Sioux Tribe

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Kevin Killer, an enrolled member and President of the Oglala Sioux tribe, served 10 years in the South Dakota legislature, representing a district that includes the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He is a co-founder of Advance Native Political Leadership, which seeks to train the next generation of Native leaders to run, manage, and lead successful campaigns at all levels of government. He recently completed his fellowship with the Open Society Foundation Leadership in Government program working on Truth and Healing in Native communities in the United States.

He attended Oglala Lakota College and was the first Tribal College Fellow of a progressive youth leadership development organization, Young People For (YP4). Killer expanded Young People For's tribal college network into an independent, Native-led organization called the Native Youth Leadership Alliance (NYLA) in 2009.

Killer serves on the board of the People for the American Way Foundation, and past service includes, the National Indian Education Association, the Oglala Lakota College Board of Trustees, the Young Elected Officials Network, the Quad Caucus, and the National Caucus Native American State Legislators. He was a 2015 Bush Fellow.